

Veterans Make Poppies



Disabled veterans in the government hospital at Lyons, N.J., making the thousands of Buddy poppies which will be sold throughout the nation prior to Memorial day by local posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

Harry Layton Resentence Set Thursday

Richard Harry Layton, ex-city marshal of Monmouth, whose conviction for the slaying of Ruth Hildebrand, 17, of Dallas, recently was affirmed by the state supreme court will be resentenced by Judge Arlie Walker of the Polk county circuit court Thursday.

Layton has been in the state penitentiary here since his conviction. The death sentence is mandatory.

The slaying occurred in June, 1943, and Miss Hildebrand's body was found 12 days later floating in the Willamette river a few miles south of Independence. Layton admitted that he transported Miss Hildebrand to a spot near where her body was found but denied the murder charge. He said the girl fell into the river while they were "playing" nearby.

Penitentiary guards will escort Layton to Dallas for resentencing.

Layton previously was sentenced to death but execution of the penalty was deferred when he appealed to the supreme court.

Harmon Urges Mott Support

Dan Harmon, republican candidate against Congressman James Mott in last Friday's primary, announced Tuesday that he would probably try for the nomination again in 1946.

Deeply appreciative of the fine spirit displayed by his workers, Mr. Harmon thanked them for their hard work which was responsible for winning between 35 and 40 per cent of the total vote.

Still adhering to his campaign principles, Mr. Harmon maintained that small business deserves more effective representation in the congress. In the coming general election Mr. Harmon urged his republican friends to support his primary opponent, Congressman Mott.

Lodge Honor Is Given To Mill City Woman

MILL CITY — The state Rebekah and Odd Fellow grand lodges in Portland last week were attended by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mason, Mrs. Willis LaVine, Mrs. Carl Knutson and George Mason. A degree of chivalry was conferred upon Mrs. LaVine.

Poppy Sale Scheduled This Week

VFW Buddy poppies, fashioned by hospitalized disabled veterans, will blossom on the streets of Salem on Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, when volunteer workers of Marion post 661 and auxiliary will sell the little red memorial flowers in the 23rd annual sale. The local distribution is identical to the nation-wide sale and the proceeds are devoted solely in the care and welfare of service and ex-service men, their dependents and in the support of the VFW national home at Eaton Rapids, Mich., for widows and orphans of deceased veterans.

Marion post's sale of poppies will be conducted under the general chairmanship of Dave Holtzman and the auxiliary chairmanship of Mrs. Amelia Bolton. Mrs. Bolton will be assisted in the sale by sectional captains Marie Hansen, Anna Davis, Ora Furlough and Cora Vone, who will select their co-workers from the list of

volunteers. Headquarters will be maintained at Kay's Women's Dress Shop, 460 State street, and sales will start promptly at 8 o'clock Friday morning and continue until the entire stock is disposed of.

Grand Jury Indicts Three

Roy William Ferrell, Edward L. Jones and Lloyd Albert Powers were indicted by the grand jury Wednesday on the charge of stealing a 1941 Plymouth sedan May 6. The car is said to be the property of Gordon Turbridge. The three men will be arraigned before Judge E. M. Page this morning at 10 a.m.

Maniel McCarley was officially released after the grand jury dismissed charges that he had threatened the commission of a felony on April 26. McCarley had been out on bail.

The grand jury will recess until June 7, when it will once more report to the district attorney. Its deliberations Wednesday lasted a little over four hours.

Schools Will Start Vacation On June 2

Salem public schools will recess for the summer June 2. Classes end May 31, but the children report back June 2 for their report cards. There will be no school sessions on June 1.

Some 315 students will leave the grade schools where they have spent the first six years of their academic training and enter the city's junior high schools in the fall. No formal graduation exercises are scheduled. The youngsters merely receive certificates that they have completed the work in their particular school. Promotions from the sixth grade are as follows: Bush 72, Garfield about

30, Grant 32, Highland 65, McKinley 50, Richmond 34 and Washington 32.

The ninth grade commencement exercises from Leslie and Parrish junior high schools will be held on the afternoon of June 2. Leslie will graduate 210 students and Parrish 320, a total of 530. These students will enter the senior high school in the fall. Awards for merit will be presented at the exercises.

The senior high school graduates 368 students Thursday night, June 1, at 8 o'clock.

Portland Woman Visits With Aurora Relatives

AURORA — Mrs. Ethel Giesy of Portland spent a few days last week visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weibert.

Sprague Will Speak at CI

COLLEGE OF IDAHO, May 24 (Special)—Arrangements for the 53rd annual closing exercises at the College of Idaho were announced by President W. W. Hall, Jr. The celebration will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4 at the college campus.

The Hon. Charles A. Sprague, former governor of the state of Oregon, will deliver the commencement address. The awards will be presented by Sen. D. Worth Clark of Idaho. At that time honorary degrees will be conferred and certificates of achievement will be presented to the outgoing class of aviation students. Both bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees will be conferred.

War Veteran Tells About Pacific Front

More frightening and sometimes more damaging than the Japs, the terrain and the climate and the wildlife of New Guinea have made their imprints on Salem men in company B of the 162d infantry, Sunset division, Harold Mero, who as a staff sergeant was given his honorable discharge from the outfit early this year, told Salem Rotary club members and guests Wednesday noon.

"They were boys when they left; they'll be men when they return; may this part of the country be worthy of them," Mero, onetime Salem high school stu-

dent body president, concluded his speech.

Praise for the medical service provided the company, and all military men of the United States, particularly for blood plasma; appreciation of the Australian soldier, the Papuan infantry battalions and his fellow American soldiers featured Mero's stories of life in the south Pacific.

Australian rations were not so appealing to the "Yanks" as Australian people and the Aussie fighting spirit, Mero indicated, telling how company B traversed rough country, made a steep ascent and lived on the highly-concentrated Australian food, some of which to the Americans was unpalatable. "The most welcome cigarettes we ever received from home were those the natives delivered to us there—sent by inmates of the Oregon state penitentiary," he said.

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